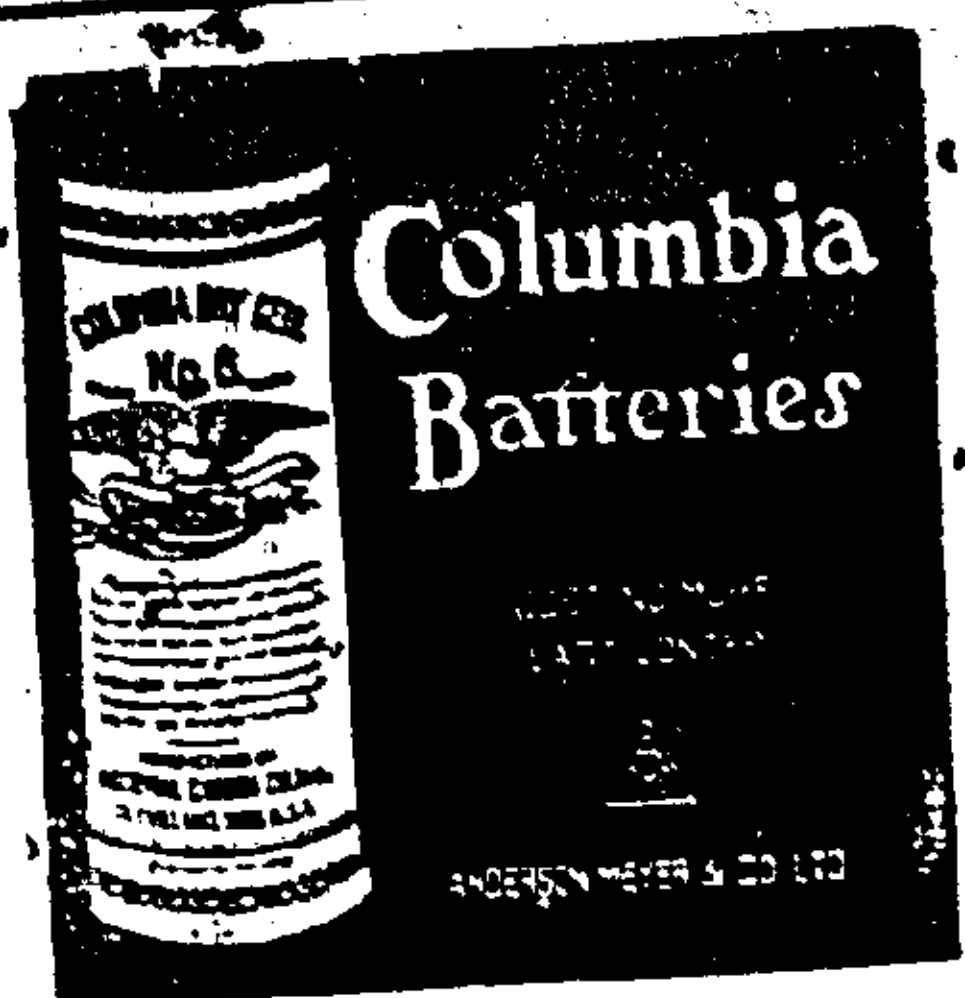




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KARL'S FATE.

Hungary Raises Difficulty.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 27.
The question of Karl's fate has assumed a new aspect, according to a Prague message, in consequence of the Hungarian Regent and the Premier announcing that the Constituent does not allow them to surrender the ex-Emperor to the Allies or the Little Entente. Meantime, the last-named has sent an ultimatum demanding his delivery within forty-eight hours, a guarantee for disarmament, and full indemnity for the costs of mobilization.

French opinion does not favour sending Karl to St. Helena in view of the memories associated with the great Napoleon. The Hungarian Government is not extending equal consideration to Karl's principal supporters in the late adventure, who have been removed to Budapest for trial.

Ambassadors Order ex-Emperor to be Placed on British Gunboat.

Paris, October 27.

The Conference of Ambassadors has decided that Karl be placed on the British gunboat, anchored off Galatz to await the decision of the Powers as regards internment.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

French Premier's Statement of Policy.

Paris, October 27.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Briand declared that France was going to the Washington Conference in the interests of world peace. The French delegates would have to explain their concern for France's security, and however desirous of reducing armaments and lightening the nation's burdens, France must not only safeguard her own existence but uphold the traditions of justice and right upon which the fate of all humanity depended. M. Briand explained that France had trusted to the guarantees offered her by the Allies at the Peace Conference instead of extensive occupation of the Rhine, but now France had withdrawn.

Mr. Hughes in Optimistic Vein.

Washington, October 27.

Mr. Hughes has issued an optimistic statement in reference to the Conference based on the attitude of the foreign delegates already in Washington. He says that the views exchanged indicate an earnest desire to accomplish results and display a spirit of co-operation. He denied that questions of racial equality will be discussed, also that there was any intention to invite official or unofficial German representatives to the Conference.

THE SILESIAN AWARD.

Germany Appoints Delegates.

Paris, October 27.

A German Note has been presented to the Ambassadors' Conference agreeing to appoint delegates for carrying out the Silesian settlement, which is accepted "under pressure of Allied threats and in order to spare the German population in the industrial zone the hardships they otherwise would incur."

The Note contends that the decision is unjust, and is also a violation of the Peace Treaty, as the Allies were not entitled to refer the matter to the League of Nations.

Protests in the Reichstag.

Berlin, October 27.

The Reichstag passed a vote of confidence in the new Cabinet by 230 votes to 132 after vehement protests against the division of Silesia.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

Heated Debate as to Its Competence.

Geneva, October 27.

The International Labour Conference heatedly debated the question of its competence internationally to regulate agricultural labour, the representatives of the French Government persisting in their objections to the Conference's competence. Eventually the closure was applied to the debate on the motion of the Bulgarian delegate, and the Conference adopted a joint Belgian and Italian resolution maintaining the competence of the Conference to deal with agriculture.

WORLD COMITY.

President Harding's Hope.

Birmingham (Ala.), October 27.

President Harding, in a speech, said that he wanted to see a more fraternal spirit among the nations, and wholeheartedly hoped the day had come when the people of the United States could look into the faces of the people of Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America and ask themselves, "Why make war? Why seek what belongs to others? He most firmly believed that in this consciousness they were going to accomplish a new step forward in the world."

THE STORM IN FLORIDA.

Damage Heavier than Reported.

New York, October 27.

It is estimated that the damage done by the storm in Florida amounts to millions of dollars. Nearly five hundred houses were wrecked at Tampa, where the damage is estimated at \$2,000,000. Five people were killed at Tampa and St. Petersburg, where also considerable havoc occurred. The orange crops were damaged.

ENCOUNTER WITH MOPLAHS.

Rebels Suffer Heavily.

Simla, October 27.

A communique states that the Dorsets, with artillery and armoured cars, encountered a gathering of Moplahs in the jungle at Wai-Malapuram on the 25th inst. The rebels refused to surrender and fought determinedly, suffering 246 casualties.

DEPRECIATION OF THE MARK.

The Explanation.

London, October 27.

Marks on London have depreciated to 110, this being attributed to reparation payments, and to the fact that Berlin is buying Swiss, Dutch and American currency.

DENIKEN REFUGEES FOR VLADIVOSTOK.

Soviet Protest Against British Action.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 27.

M. Krassin has sent a Note protesting against British action in shipping six hundred Denikin refugees in Mesopotamia to Vladivostok, which has been justified by the refusal of the Soviet to grant an amnesty if the refugees were repatriated to Soviet Russia. M. Krassin explains that although the Soviet is unable to take cognizance of the demand of a foreign Government for an amnesty, this was intervention in Russia's internal affairs, the Soviet refused a repatriation scheme involving an amnesty, which British ignored. He asks for an assurance that the refugees are not sent to Vladivostok for the purpose of fighting the Soviet.

EXTENSION OF NAVAL BASES ON THE PACIFIC.

No Appropriation to be Asked this Year.

London, October 27.

In the House of Commons, asked whether the Imperial Conference had reached a decision respecting the need of extended or new naval bases in the Pacific, the Premier said that prior to the Conference the Admiralty decided that certain bases abroad, including the Pacific, needed modernizing or extending for better security of the outlying Possessions. The Conference concurred, but the Government did not intend to request the House to vote any money this year.

THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

Parliament to be Consulted.

London, October 27.

Hearty cheers followed an unexpected announcement by the Premier in the House of Commons this afternoon that the House would be invited to discuss the subject of the Anglo-Irish Conference on the 31st inst. Mr. Lloyd George thought it essential that the Government should know where it stood before it went very much further. It challenged division on a dissentient Unionist resolution which will be submitted.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE SILESIAN SETTLEMENT.

Berlin, Oct. 27.

In the Reichstag, in a subdued speech with a substratum of bitterness, Chancellor Wirth characterised the handing over of the Silesian question to the League as a breach of the Peace Treaty, which was also violated by the new line itself. Nevertheless Germany had decided to appoint a delegate to conduct German-Polish economic negotiations in preference to exposing themselves to coercive measures which would seriously compromise the whole of the Fatherland.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Paris, Oct. 26.

M. Garnier, former Resident General of French Indo-China, is to accompany to the Washington Conference M. Sarraud, Minister of the Colonies, who has just returned from an extensive tour of the French West African Colonies.—Havas.

FRENCH ECONOMY.

Paris, Oct. 26.

Thorough reorganization of the provincial and municipal administration in their most obsolete parts is contemplated, entailing the abolition of a number of officials and the saving of many millions to the national exchequer.—Havas.

COST OF LIVING.

Paris, Oct. 26.

The Government's efforts to reduce the cost of living are bearing fruits. Substantial abatement of the price of wheat and flour are announced.—Havas.

FRENCH ARMY EXPENDITURE.

Paris, Oct. 26.

On November 25th the Government purposes reducing by over £6,000,000 par the Army expenditure for next year.—Havas.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

Paris, Oct. 26.

Herr Wirth has accepted the invitation to constitute a new Government.—Havas.

CHINA COAST.

Latest Appointments.

Mr. W. Paterson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Szechuen.
Mr. N. Penon, chief officer, Szechuen, is on reserve.
Mr. R. Hughes, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Wosang.
Mr. D. W. Inglis, acting chief engineer, Ichang, has gone second engineer, same ship.
Mr. J. W. Kennedy, second engineer, Ichang, has gone second engineer, Sunning.
Mr. P. Bell, second engineer, Sunning, has gone acting chief engineer, Ichang.
Mr. R. J. T. Hopkins, from reserve, has gone second officer, Tongshing.
Mr. J. M. Morris, acting chief officer, Wosang, has gone supernumerary second officer, Tungshing.
Mr. A. Wood, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hopsang.
Mr. D. G. Cairns, acting second officer, Hopsang, has gone supernumerary second officer, same ship.
Mr. O. V. W. R. Basham, second officer, Kingzins, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.
Mr. H. W. Chandler, chief officer, Kingzins, has gone acting master, same ship.
Mr. T. G. Barclay, from reserve, has gone supernumerary third engineer, Kingzins.
Mr. J. S. Macdonald, second engineer, Koonshing, has gone second engineer, Yusang.
Mr. H. W. Mills, second engineer, Yusang, has gone supernumerary second engineer, Easang.
Mr. J. Fry has been appointed acting third engineer, Toonan.
Mr. O. Strad, third engineer, Toonan, has gone second engineer, same ship.
Mr. T. Moodie, third engineer, Hsinking, has gone second engineer, same ship.
Mr. J. Anderson has been appointed third engineer, Hsinking.
Mr. W. E. McLennan has been appointed fourth engineer, Hsinking.

AN ANCIENT GRUDGE.

Military Comedy In Court.

Comedy was introduced into a case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Police Court this morning. A Haibong Chinese charged a Chuen Chow man with abstracting a purse from his pocket, and the case was brought on for trial. The defendant, who was brought into the courtroom, involved investigation into the antecedents of the two men, since it was alleged by the defendant that the charge was brought through an old grudge, dating back when both were serving in a Southern army.

In evidence it was stated by the complainant that when the defendant was caught after the offence, the purse dropped from a jacket which the latter was wearing.

As to the claim that he knew him in the army, the witness challenged the defendant to show his military knowledge by reciting the various military ranks in their proper sequence.

The defendant readily complied, whereupon witness complained that instead of taking the highest rank first the defendant was reciting the titles from the lowest rank. The defendant did know the name of the Sergeant of the Company with which he declared he had served.

This airing of military knowledge becoming somewhat tiresome, the so-called Sergeant was politely asked to step from the witness box to give place to another man. He was first asked if he had a witness to substantiate the evidence. There was one, a man dressed in an unwashed watchman's khaki uniform who lurched to the front and came smartly to attention before the Magistrate.

"Are you a general?" his Worship asked. The newcomer denied the implied compliment. "I am a retired Commissioner," he replied. There then ensued some argument among the Court interpreters as to the correct use of this word. They thought he might be another Sergeant. His Worship endeavoured to find out for himself.

"You wore stripes, or stars, or both?" The newcomer replied that he was a Commissioner "in a civil way." He had nothing to do with the military, being of higher rank than that.

In evidence this witness testified to witnessing the theft. Neither he nor his friend knew the defendant, as they came from different districts. The defendant, in reply to his Worship, said he was prepared to swear on the cock's head that the present charge arose from a grudge which dated back to the period when he was a private serving in the company of which the complainant was a Sergeant. There was a dispute about the pay, in respect of which the complainant was known to have "squeezed" him.

In further statements, the defendant said that he recently went to Canton to enlist in the Southern Army, but was rejected, and came to Hongkong as the travelling agent for a trading firm at Swatow. He met the complainant yesterday and a fight took place. He had to run away. If it had been a man-to-man fight he would have stood his ground. "The two made an uneven match for me, you see, so I had to run away," he added.

His Worship: Quite so. Any marks of this desperate struggle still on your person?

Defendant: Some bruises on the stomach.

"No marks at all," his Worship was informed by a Police Sergeant who made an examination of the defendant.

His Worship: What do you do in Hongkong anyway?

The defendant: I am a travelling trader for a firm at Swatow. If I am a bad man my master would not have employed me.

His Worship: Quite so. That is logical, at least.

The Inspector in charge: He had no money in his possession when arrested.

His Worship: The Inspector said that you had not a single cent in your pocket.

PEARLEAF CASE.

Junior Engineer's Absence from Duty.

In the Marine Court this morning, Lieutenant Conway Hake, R.N.R. gave his judgment in the case in which J. W. Drake, engineer, from His Majesty's ship "Pearleaf," was charged at the instance of the master, Alfred S. Leach, with, absenting himself without leave from his duty in the engine room of the ship at 1 a.m. on October 18.

Mr. Lewis appeared for Captain Leach and Mr. Crew for the defendant who pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Lewis said the Pearlleaf was at six hours notice for sea. At 1 a.m. on the 18th the chief engineer came on board from Blue Buildings in a sampan.

He noticed a thick black smoke coming from the funnel, which should not happen. When he went on board he went to the ventilator and saw the stoker and asked him where the engineer was. The stoker said "no savee."

The chief and second engineer went aft and found the defendant asleep. The chief engineer shook him and woke him up. The defendant expressed his regret, presumably for being asleep. The chief engineer sent him back to his duty and in due course reported the matter to the captain who made an entry in the log.

Shown the entry, the defendant had nothing to say.

Alfred Leach, the captain, spoke to reading to defendant the entry in the log. Defendant said he had no answer.

Mr. Crew: He did deny the charge, but wished to make no statement?—Yes.

Christopher Tom Brockbank, chief engineer, spoke to seeing smoke coming from the funnel. This lasted for ten to fifteen minutes, which was an unusually long time. One engineer and one stoker were in charge at one time. Excessive smoke was preventable by ordinary care. When he went on board he saw the fireman and asked where the engineer was. The fireman replied "no savee."

He called the second engineer and asked who was the engineer on duty. The second engineer replied "Drake." They went together and the second engineer said "there he is in a deck chair asleep." More care was required in an oil-burning ship. Serious danger attended shortage of water in the boilers and there was risk of explosion and loss of life.

Witness said he was on the same terms with defendant as with the other engineers. Defendant had been warned on a previous occasion for not being on watch and his excuse was that he was not called.

Defendant said he went on duty at midnight to stand his watch from 12 to 4. He went below and saw that every thing was in proper condition. He came up at 3.30 a.m. and went on to the poop to drink cocoa. The chief engineer came aboard and said the fireman was asleep and that the funnels were smoking. Defendant looked at the funnels and saw a lot of smoke. He went below and found that this was owing to lighting the fires in the wing boiler. This was usually done at 3.30 a.m.

The charge was found proved but the magistrate, taking into consideration the inexperience of the defendant, thought the case would be met by a fine of \$30 with the alternative of four weeks imprisonment without hard labour.

COUNSELLOR'S £20 SPEECH.

While Councillor Fowler, of Hayes, was speaking at an open-air meeting, his shop, 100 yards away, was burgled and £20 in money and goods stolen.

Defendant: I had no need to carry money. If I had occasion to need it, all I have to do is to go aboard my steamer and draw it from a friend.

His Worship: A very useful man this friend of yours. I wish I had a friend like that. Six weeks.

DIVERTING CHINA.

Lord Northcliffe's Cable Home.

RESULT OF CANTON VISIT.

On his return from Canton on Wednesday night Lord Northcliffe handed to the Times correspondent here the following telegram for dispatch to that paper:—

"In the absence of President Sun Yat Sen I interviewed Wu Tingfang, and the Officials of the Republican Government of South China. This Government claims that it represents the views of more than 130 million Chinese in the Provinces of Yunnan, Kweichow, Kuangsi, Kwangtung and Szechuan, and is not under sway of Japanese politicians. Pending recognition of its national status by the world powers, Sun Yat Sen's Government declines to accede to the request of the Peking Government to send one delegate."

—C. C. Wu—to the Washington Conference because the other three Chinese delegates are the fattered nominees of the recognized pro-Japanese clique which forms the Peking administration. They claim that these delegates from North China may only act in conformity with instructions from Peking which would be dictated by Tokyo. Competent foreign authorities agree that this contention is not baseless, whatever may be said of the extent of the authority of Sun Yat Sen's government, and I consider it of vital importance to register this attitude of a large section of the Chinese people and make it known that the influence of Japan is considered to be of sufficient power to divert China as a nation from any straightforward attempt to state her case at the Washington Conference."

RASMUSSEN ALIVE.

Official News.

We are informed by Mr. H. W. Ball, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., that a telegram was received from Canton last night to the effect that the Chinese Government have informed the Danish Consulate that Mr. Rasmussen whose capture by bandits took place nearly a month ago, is alive.

CLUB FOR BOY SCOUTS.

A new Boy Scout Club on the roof of imperial headquarters was opened by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who said he hoped the Girl Guides would also use it.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The World Theatre is screening "When Dawn Came" to-night.—Page 12.

ACEAL advertises Kendrick's British Locks and Builder's Ironmongery.—Page 3.

The Hongkong Hotel advertises a notice re bonus and shares.—Page 4.

Komor & Komor's Sale will close on 5th November. For the last week of the sale the Store will be open every day until 5 p.m.—Page 4.

Volunteer Orders appear on Page 4.

Lammert's auction Cashmere and Tweed Suit Lengths on November 2.—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 9½d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer:—29.957 m. temperature:—76. Humidity:—49.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day: 5.45 p.m.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Yesterday's Concluding Business.

Owing to the late hour at which yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council was concluded we were unable to give a full report of the concluding business.

Legal Practitioners Ordinance.

Hon. Attorney General: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill entitled the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1921. This Bill proposes to make certain alterations in the law relating to the preliminary and final examinations which have to be passed by solicitors' clerks who are articulated here. It also slightly alters the sanctions provided for acting without qualification as barrister or solicitor.

Clause 2 deals with the preliminary examination. I should explain that all clerks articulated here must pass before they are articulated a certain examination called a preliminary examination unless they have already passed some examination which is to be taken as a substitute for that examination or received a special exemption from the Chief Justice. Clause 2 proposes to make the Hongkong University Matriculation Examination one of the examinations which is to be a ground for exemption from the preliminary examination. Most of the Matriculation examinations in England are grounds of exemption there and, I understand, the standard of the Hongkong University Matriculation is as high as any in England and there seems no reason why their Matriculation Examination should not be the exemption here. The clause also provides that any examination that would in England be a ground for exemption from the preliminary examination there shall be a ground for exemption from the preliminary examination here and a ground for exemption without the need for any special order by the Chief Justice. At present the order is necessary. Clause 3 deals with the solicitor's final examination. Paragraph (a) of that section corrects an obvious drafting error in the Ordinance of 1871. Paragraph (b) of clause 3 provides that the fee to be paid to examiners for final examination may be fixed by regulation by the Governor in Council. At present these fees have to be fixed afresh after each new examination. It also provides that the fees payable to examiners are to be paid by the candidate or candidates. The intention is to fix the fee at \$100 for each of the examiners. Clause 4 provides new sanctions for the offence of acting as a barrister or solicitor without qualification. The present sanction is a penalty of \$200 which has to be recovered in civil action against the offending party. The clause proposes to make that sanction a fine of \$1,000 recoverable on summary conviction before a Magistrate. I beg to move the first reading.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill passed the first reading.

The Rents Ordinance.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Rents Ordinance, 1921.

The Hon. Attorney General: The object of this Bill is to make a number of amendments in the Ordinance which was passed earlier in the year. Some of them are aimed at preventing evasions of the law by certain classes of landlords, who, I hope, are in the minority and who seem to be determined to evade the provisions of the principal Ordinance if they possibly can. Clauses 2 and 7 deal with paragraph (1) of sub-section 1 of Section 4 of the principal Ordinance. That paragraph of the principal Ordinance provides that a landlord may give notice to quit to his tenant, and may recover possession if he intends bona fide to pull down the premises or reconstruct them to such an extent as to make them technically a new building. It appears that certain landlords have been trying to use this Section in a manner which is not bona fide; in other words they have been giving, or contemplating giving, notice to quit when they have had no real intention at all of reconstructing or pulling down, and when they have been prepared to do nothing at all to the building if only the tenant will agree to pay increased rent. Clause 2 provides that no notice given under that paragraph of the principal Ordinance shall be valid unless given or confirmed by leave of the Court. A landlord intending to give such notice must show the Court grounds for believing

that the notice given is bona fide, and on the application to the Court to give notice, the tenant, of course, will have the opportunity of being heard. The clause applies also to notices already given before the commencement of the Ordinance, that they will not be valid unless confirmed by the Court on application made on the same grounds as application for leave to give notice.

Notice of Intentions in Writing.

Clause 2 is another attempt to strengthen that Section, that paragraph, in the interests of the tenants. It provides that if the landlord gives notice under that paragraph, he must state in writing whether he intends to pull down the premises or reconstruct them; and if he intends to reconstruct them he must state the exact nature of the reconstruction intended. It is hoped that tying down the landlord to a specific writing of his intentions will have some additional effect in safeguarding tenants.

Clause 3 makes a slight technical amendment.

Clause 4 deals with the transfer of an action from the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to the Original Jurisdiction. Under the principal Ordinance all actions under that Ordinance have to be tried in Summary Jurisdiction, the object, of course, being to ensure a speedy hearing and to reduce costs. It sometimes may happen, however, that two actions may be pending at the same time in the two divisions of the Supreme Court, one in the Summary Jurisdiction, brought under the Rents Ordinance, and one in the Original Jurisdiction, which must be tried in that Jurisdiction because of the amount in dispute. These two actions may refer to the same premises and raise the same facts, and it may be very inconvenient for two actions to be brought separately in different Courts. At present there is no power to transfer a Summary action to Original Jurisdiction to enable the two cases to be consolidated and tried together. This clause will give this power.

Pulling out Windows and Stairs.

Clause 5 is one of the clauses aimed at evasions. It appears that certain landlords are in the habit of issuing distress warrants for rent in excess of the rent recoverable under the Ordinance—that is, rent in excess of the standard rent—no doubt relying on the tenants being too ignorant or too poor to take proper proceedings to question the legality of the distress. The clause proposes to make it an offence to issue such distress warrants; and proposes to give the Magistrate on the summons being heard, power not only to fine the offending landlord, but also to order him to pay back to the tenant any rent in excess recovered by means of the illegal distress; also damages not exceeding \$20. This clause also applies to cases where a landlord demands for extra rent in excess of the standard rent, under threat of issuing such illegal distress warrant.

Clause 6 is another clause aimed at evasion. It provides that it shall be a criminal offence punishable by a fine of \$1,000 for any person to do any act whatsoever *bona fide* to induce a lessee to give up possession. That has been inserted because certain landlords have gone so far as to remove windows in wet weather, and even staircases, to drive the tenants out.

Clause 7, 9 and 10 are partly declaratory and partly intended as amplifying and pursuing the policy of the principal Ordinance.

Rights of Sub-Lessee.

Clause 5 provides that notice to quit given by a lessee shall not affect the right of any sub-lessee to remain on in his own part of the house, unless he joins in or confirms the notice to quit. That was believed to be simply declaratory when the Bill was drafted and it is now confirmed by the Courts, which held in a recent case that the law as constituted here in this clause is in fact the existing law; but to make the matter perfectly clear, we propose to retain this Section in the Bill.

Clause 9 provides that an ejectment order against a lessee is not to affect the right of any sub-lessee to remain on in his portion of the premises. That is taken from the English Act.

Clause 10 provides that where the interest of the lessee is determined in any way whatsoever, in other words when the lessee goes out, any sub-lessee who holds from him will become the tenant of the landlord from whom the lessee holds, on the same terms as the original lessee; but of course at the standard rent. Since this Bill was drafted one or two other points have been raised which it might be advisable to deal with in this Bill; and I propose after the first reading to move that the Bill be referred to the Standing Law Committee.

Mercantile Bank Note Issue.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to extend for a further period the powers granted by the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911, to the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, to make, issue, re-issue and circulate notes in the Colony.

As hon. members will see from the statement of Objects and Reasons attached to this Bill, the present power of the Bank to make, issue, re-issue and circulate notes in the Colony, which was granted by Ordinance in the year 1911, will expire, in the normal course, on the 28th December of this year. It is proposed by Clause 2 of the Bill to extend that period of expiry till the 15th August, 1923, after which date the Bank will cease to issue or re-issue notes; but shall redeem any notes which it shall have previously issued or re-issued.

Hon. Mr. Ho Fook seconded and the Bill passed the first reading.

St Joseph's College.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance for the incorporation of the Christian Brothers School, known in French as "L'Institut des Freres des Ecoles Chretiennes," and known in Hongkong as St. Joseph's College.

As hon. members will see from the statement of Objects and Reasons attached to this Bill, certain property belonging to this College is now vested in an individual who is absent from the Colony and who does not intend to return. That, Sir, is a very inconvenient matter for the College and the object of this Bill is to incorporate St. Joseph's College so that the property that is acquired for this purpose may be vested in it.

Hon. Mr. Bird seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Public Health and Buildings Ordinance.

The Hon. Attorney General: I beg to move that the last item on the Orders—the second reading of the Bill intitled an Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903—be discharged. So many amendments have been proposed to this Bill, that it is better to withdraw it and begin again with a fresh draft. It will be read a first time at a later meeting of the Council.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Council agreed to the withdrawal of the Bill.

Adjournment.

His Excellency the Governor: I would suggest that we meet this day week in order to dispose of minor items on the paper, leaving the subsequent meeting for the Supply Bill. The Council will adjourn until this day week at 2.30 p.m.

Financial Minutes.

The following votes were explained by the Hon. Colonial Secretary in Finance Committee and were approved.

\$21,213 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure Wagon.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: No provision has been made in the estimates for the current year in respect to the wagons referred to, as it was expected that they would be paid for in 1920. The final accounts were only received recently, and the sum asked for, \$21,213, is the equivalent in dollars to the balance due.

\$1,000 in aid of the vote Governor, Other Charges, Incidental Expenses.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Continued From Page 2.)

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: The vote is \$2,300. Some print- ing of the value of \$2,880 had not arrived as expected in time to be paid for last year and will prob- ably have to be paid for this year. There has also been an increase in the Survey and Architects' Offices.

\$1,450 in aid of the vote Har- bour Department, A.—Harbour Office, Other Charges, Purchase of Buys and Moorings.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: A sum of \$1,450 is required to complete the purchase of these new buoys and moorings. We estimated the cost at \$80,000, but the en- tire cost, including the laying of moorings, was \$90,130. The new buoys are two of A. class and four of B. class.

\$5,120 in aid of the following votes:

Medical Department, Other Charges:	
Lunatic Asylum:	
Provisions, Ac.,	\$1,500.00
Victoria Hospital:	
Fuel and Light,	600.00
Provisions, Ac.,	1,000.00
Government Labora- tory:	
Apparatus, Ac.,	2,000.00
Book and Journals	20.00
Total,	\$5,120.00

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: In regard to the Lunatic Asylum the increase is due to the number of patients and high cost of provisions. At Victoria Hos- pital increased cost of milk and extras and the installation of geys- ers. At the Government Labora- tory the cost of the apparatus was considerably more than estimated. The catalogues from which the es- timates were made out were found to be out of date.

Kowloon-Canton Railway. \$500, in aid of the vote Kow- loon-Canton Railway, Special Ex- penditure, Bridge No. 37.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: The original estimate did not allow for foundations, heavy timbering and excavations for the safety of trains running whilst the work was carried on. The estimate was \$2,500, the actual cost \$3,357.77, leaving \$857.77 asked for.

\$2,115 on account of Imports and Exports Department, Special Expenditure, One Motor Truck.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: This is required by the Im- ports and Exports Department to convey opium from the factory to the office. The body was built by the Railway Department. It is a very strong and the use of a launch.

\$700 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Additional Light.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: The \$700 was for obtaining the very best artificial legs that can be got. A man lost both his legs on the rail- way and the legs he got were very unsatisfactory and gave him a lot of pain. We decided to get the best. I believe they are entirely satisfactory, very light and very strong.

A Hulk Police Station. \$10,000 on account of Police and Fire Brigade, A—Police, Special Expenditure, One Hulk.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: This matter was considered by the Finance Committee. It is for the establishment of a bulk in the waters near Deep Bay instead of a land Police Station. After very careful consideration it was de- cided that this was the best man- ner of providing what was re- quired.

\$3,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, New Terri- tories, Communications, Petrol path—Sheung Shui to Tai Kuo Ling.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: This matter has been considered by the Finance Committee. It was put in the estimates for 1919 and again in 1920, but difficulties occurred as to a site. Since we decided to make it on a new frontier road the sum has now been provided.

\$10,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellane- ous, (35) Miscellaneous Works.

The Colonial Secretary: The proposal is to take a vote of \$10,000 to cover the expenditure of a number of small sums for miscel- laneous works up to the end of the year. By the time the proposal was circulated, the vote was ex- ceeded by nearly \$1,000. Since then one of the members of the Committee expressed the view that they would like to know what all the items were. Up to now the items amount to \$1893; they include: Converting a latrine at the Harbour Office, a safe and stand for the D.P.W.'s office to keep valuable documents, ceiling fans at warder's messroom, Vic- toria Gaol, alterations at the Armoury for the security of the

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CRICKET.

K.C.C. 1st XI v Hongkong
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Saturday at Kowloon, 2.15 p.m.

Kowloon team:—J. P. Robinson, B. D. Evans, J. Stalker, F. G. Thompson, C. Vance, C. J. Stapleton, Capt. G. E. Spinks, Lt. MacDonald, E. L. Braga, R. Pestonji, S. T. Jones.

The following will play for the Hongkong Cricket Club:—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), E. J. R. Mitchell, Brig. Gen. Macdonald, R. E. A. Webster, F. H. Farthing, E. W. Hamilton, A. B. Raworth, E. G. G. Lammert, M. M. Watson, H. H. Benson and F. N. Young.

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SCHOOL MATCH.

Kowloon v. Indians

The Kowloon British School played the Indian School on Wednesday on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground and lost by 85 runs. For the winners Kitchell retired after scoring 43, Mohomed com- piled 35 and Arculli 35. For the losers Pearce hit up 16. Scores:

Kowloon School.

J. Leate, b Kitchell	10
D. Stevens, c Kitchell, b Arculli	4
F. Nichols, c Abbas, b Arculli	2
W. Jenner, b Arculli	5
G. G. Edwards, c Mohomed, b Arculli	0
J. Pearce, c and b Kitchell	16
W. Ogilvie, c and b Kitchell	2
L. Weill, c Hassan, b Arculli	1
J. Collett, b Arculli	1
W. Pitt, not out	1
G. Bond, c Mohomed, b Kitchell	1
Extras	7
Total	50

Bowling analysis.—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. M. el Arculli	13	3	23	6
M. P. Madar	4	1	6	—
N. B. Kitchell	8.5	4	9	4

Indian School.

A. L. Rymjan, c Pearce, b Stevens	6
D. Mohomed, b Edwards	35
Mohan Singh, c Nichols, b Jenner	0
N. B. Kitchell, retired	43
F. M. el Arculli, c Stevens, b Pearce	35
M. P. Madar, retired	1
M. Hassan, b Stevens	3
W. A. Abbas, c and b Nichols	8
S. E. Bur, c Pearce, b Stevens	0
N. Ali, not out	1
A. Bahins, b Stevens	1
Extras	1
Total	135

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th November 1921 to the 15th November 1921 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
H. N. BEAUREPAIRE,
Secretary.

Dated the 23rd October, 1921.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieutenant Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O.

Administrative Commandant.

Hongkong, 25th October, 1921.

1. Parade: Field Day Sunday, 30th.

Mounted Infantry Parade at Star Ferry Kowloon at 8.30 a.m. Dress: Full Order (Helmets) with Haversacks and Water-bottles. Bandoliers.

Infantry and Machine Gun Companies parade at Blakes Pier at 8.30 a.m.

Dress: Khaki jacket (Helmets) Shorts or K.I. Belts, Braces and Pouches.

Haversacks and Water-bottles. Rifles and Sidearms. Greatcoats should be taken and left on the launch for use on the return journey.

Haversack ration and Blank Ammunition will be issued at Blakes Pier.

2. Recruit's Drills will be held at Headquarters on Monday, 31st instant, and Kowloon Docks on Friday, 4th November, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Plain Clothes.

3. Promotion.

No. 252 Pte. W. D. Fiddes-Wilson, Mounted Infantry Section, to be Lance Corporal, dated 28th inst.

4. Reversion.

No. 166 Lance Corporal, A. G. Simpson, M.C. Scottish Corps Headquarters, is permitted to revert to the rank of Piper at his own request dated 28.10.21.

5. Cadet Company.

The Company will parade at Headquarters on Monday, 31st instant, at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Drill Order with Car-bines.

G. F. E. RAPSON Bt-Major Adjutant, H. V. D. Corps.

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Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 31st day of October, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land adjoining Villa Miramere, Pokfulam in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1921.

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The next Gymkhana has been fixed for Saturday 5th November 1921. Programmes can be obtained at the Hongkong Club, the Racecourse and the Jockey Club Stables. Entries close on October 25th.

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Hongkong, October, 22nd 1921

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A. T. LAMPLUGH, Hon. Secretary.

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THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Steam Laundry Company Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 14th day of November 1921, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing an Extraordinary Resolution the following, namely:—

(1) That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited and with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Charles Bernard Brown of Messrs. Linstead and Davis be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

(2) That the conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited of the complete undertaking, business, good-will and property of this Company in return for the issue to this Company of 8,000 (Eight thousand) shares of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited of the nominal value of \$10 each credited as fully paid up and the payment of \$10,000 by the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, the General Managers of this Company by way of bonus and compensation for loss of office as General Managers of the Steam Laundry Company Limited by reason of the transfer of the business, property and undertaking of this Company to the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited and in consideration of the payment to Edward John Chapman, the Managing Director of this Company of \$1,000 to William Samuel Brown, a Director of this Company of \$1,000 and to Charles Bernard Brown, the Secretary of this Company of \$1,000 by way of bonus and compensation for their loss of office as Managing Director, Director and Secretary respectively by reason of the aforesaid amalgamation be and the same is hereby approved and the Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as the said Liquidator may think expedient.

(3) The aforesaid 8,000 shares of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited shall in pursuance of clause 1 of the aforesaid Agreement be allotted to shareholders on the register of shareholders of the Steam Laundry Company Limited on the 30th day of November 1921.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted to confirmation as Special Resolutions to a second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 26th day of October, 1921.

By Order of the Board,
C. BERNARD BROWN, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 14th day of November 1921, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

To consider and if thought fit to pass an Extraordinary Resolution to the following effect:—

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L. GAIN, Branch Manager.

Hongkong, October 21, 1921.

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

Smoking Concert—Armistice Night.

With reference to the Circular recently issued the General Committee have decided that Theatre accommodation will allow Members to invite two additional guests each to the Armistice Night Concert, and the extra tickets may be obtained on application to the Honorary Treasurer.

A. H. K. COBB, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, October, 25th 1921.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT with reference to the Special Resolution passed and confirmed at Extraordinary General Meetings of the above Company held on 13th and 31st days of August, 1921, regarding the division of the above Company's Share capital of 500 shares of the denomination of \$50 each into shares of the denomination of \$10 each, N.W. CERRIFICALE relating to the above are now ready and can be obtained, in exchange for the written acknowledgments already issued in respect of the old scrip, upon application to the undersigned at the company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO. LTD. H. N. BEAUREPAIRE, Secretary.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

A Large Consignment of Tinplates.

Just over a month ago Reader wired out the information that the largest consignment of tinplates, and galvanised sheet which had left Swansea for twelve months had been cleared for the Far East, the consignment totalling 9,000 tons. We learn that this is largely carried by the Blue Funnel steamers Orestes and Mentor. The Mentor is due here from Singapore on Oct. 22nd, but the Orestes goes from Singapore direct to Hongkong. The galvanised sheet industry is in a healthier state than it has been for some time past, but unfortunately this does not mean any revival of the parent industry—that of the tin plate manufacturer. The great bulk of the sheet works that have been restarted in Britain have been able to do so only by using foreign sheet. The price of tin plates according to indices from home, actually fall below the price of production.

Proposed Wages Reduction On China Coast.

A rumour is abroad that the China Coast shipowners propose to reduce the wages of officers and engineers owing to the fall in freight. This is only partially true. What is true, we are advised, is that the Shipowners Protection Society proposed such a reduction to the Coast Officers and Engineers Guilds and that both rejected the suggestion. The Coast Officers Guild held a meeting in Shanghai last week when a letter was read from the shipowners. The Guild was unanimous in rejecting the proposal. Only the officers and engineers employed by the smaller companies—which are popularly called the "outside companies"—would be affected by the reduction. One well-known master describes the proposal to us as "futile and says it will be dropped now that the guilds have rejected it. He goes the length, indeed, of hinting that one firm is behind the suggestion, namely the others on.

Personal.

Mr. Norman P. Norr has gone master of the Hunan in place of Mr. Harris Walker.

Mr. Frederick White Thompson Ross has secured his second engineer's certificate.

Empress of China.

The statement made some time ago that the C.P.S. were to place the passenger ship Empress of China of 17,000 tons (formerly Prinz Frederick Wilhelm) can now be contradicted. The Empress of China is to be placed on the Atlantic run and will, for a time at least, take the place of the Aquitania which is being fitted out as an oil

penalty.

burning vessel. There is no likelihood meanwhile of the Empress of China being placed on the Pacific run.

Dumped Coal.

The mistress of a fishing junk was charged, at the Marine Court this morning, with throwing a gram of licensed boat articles into the harbour for the purpose of preventing seizure. Chan Hong P.C. said that while on duty yesterday he saw several rowing boats leaving the Leung Wink Wharf. Each had about 20 bags of coal on board and he arrested two. When defendant saw this she dumped her coal into the harbour. Defendant denied this, but the charge was found proved and \$10 or 14 days was the

penalty.

SHROPSHIRE BISHOPRIC.

Over one-third of the sum required for the proposed new Diocese of Salop has been already raised without making any general appeal. The Bishop of Hereford has offered to transfer to the bishopric on its creation £400 a year from his official income.

CHEAP MONEY!

Inasmuch as the Chinese Government is in dire straits financially, the Ministry of Finance has repeatedly sent out enormous amounts of bonds to Shanghai for money. According to information from the Banking Group, national bonds amounting to more than ten million francs have been taken to Shanghai recently and pledged to two foreign banks at half price.

voluntary workers as well as Government servants.

We feel that an explanation is needed of the serious responsibility that we have taken upon ourselves in recommending, for children, a scale of hours of labour considerably in excess of that of male adult workers in Europe.

Our proposals are indeed a compromise between the present "laissez-faire" attitude, and the more drastic method of removing children immediately from the factories. Of these two extremes the former is unthinkable, and we are not prepared to recommend the latter without also recommending some extensive scheme of social reform.

The feasibility of compulsory education has been examined, but owing to the difference of opinion on the question it has not been found possible to come to any unanimous conclusion. Difficulties are real, but at the same time the opinion may be hazarded that they are inherent in every scheme of compulsory education, and that as they have been overcome in other countries, they could, if the community had the will to do so, be overcome in Hongkong.

We do not agree with the frequently expressed opinion that an extension of educational facilities in Hongkong would be followed by a rush of people from the interior to take advantage of them. It is a common experience of countries that have adopted compulsory education that opposition may be expected from those for whose benefit the scheme is intended.

In view of the fact that many children must earn their living by manual labour, it is suggested that steps be taken to provide an education for them suited to their special needs.

Such an education would comprise training in manual work in addition to at least a "primary education." The dignity of manual labour should be emphasized and the bearing of intellect on manual work explained.

In the course of time we hope that adult labour will replace that of children in factories, so that the Government should be asked either to undertake the necessary industrial training or to encourage private enterprise in this direction. Meanwhile schools for "half timers," such as those which have been successfully started in India, might be tried.

CHILDREN EMPLOYED IN CASUAL LABOUR.

The employment of children outside factories in casual and unskilled work, and especially in burden bearing, is the most difficult problem which we have had to face. Reliable information is extremely difficult to procure, the work is done by the poorest members of the community, who have often no fixed place of abode, and the place of work is constantly being changed. The eyes of European inhabitants are naturally drawn to those who carry bricks and other materials to the Peak and Hill Districts, but the same kind of labour is carried on all over the Colony. Children are freely employed in this work; and investigation has shown that even those as young as seven or eight years are not exempted. The physical condition of many of the women who have been long engaged in this work is even worse than that of the children, and jarring from this we are driven to the conclusion that no form of work exercises such a degrading effect upon the workers as labour of this kind. We are unable to suggest any regulations which will suffice to alter this state of things, and in our opinion the real solution of the question lies in Mechanical Transport. As an interim measure the commission suggests a graded scale of weights for the children.

That children be not employed in a dangerous trade.

That employers be compelled to provide accommodation, which can be used by workers during meal hours, and as a rest house or children taken to factories by their mothers.

That inspectors be appointed for all class of child labour, and the regulations proposed are obviously dependent on a system of inspection. Our intention is to avoid introducing a series of factory regulations which will merely lead on the one hand to "queer" and on the other to Police Court prosecutions; and it is, therefore, essential that inspectors should be persons of standing.

We think that the ranks of the inspectors should include Chinese representatives as well as British, women as well as men, and

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Acknowledgment.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall wish to express their grateful thanks for the many beautiful floral tributes and expressions of sympathy in the loss of their beloved son Kenneth.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1921.

CHILD LABOUR.

The sight of women and children toiling up to the Upper Levels under the burden of brick and coal loads must have caused a tightening of the heartstrings to many a witness. Sometimes the plea of economic necessity has come to the relief of sentiment; sometimes a realisation of the hardships has caused the mind to reject this evasion. Such a feeling asserted itself in the early part of the present year, with the result that His Excellency the Governor appointed a commission to inquire into the conditions of the industrial employment of children. The report of the commission has now been issued. We will, however, attempt a brief survey of this extremely human document, which contains matter to cause disquietude to temperaments not addicted to emotionalism.

In many respects it is no exaggeration to say that the inquiry revealed conditions nothing less than appalling. On the other hand, there are cases in which the conditions improve upon acquaintance but even at that the state of things demonstrates that there was ample need for some inquiry. In the matter of hours, for instance, it appears that these are seldom less than 70 per week, and, be it remembered, we are dealing with child labour. There is no age restriction, and the position of affairs may be gauged from the circumstance that one of the factories inspected deems it a sign of grace that it does not employ children under ten years of age, which means about nine allowing for the difference in the Chinese mode of chronology. Be it recorded that there are some works where conditions are much better. Against this there is definite testimony of girls working 13½ hours day after day for thirteen days, on the expiration of which they have earned (£) a day's rest. And some work overtime. Even that number of normal working hours is not the limit. In glass factories (where the work is done mostly by boys) the daily task, including short intervals for meals, is actually stated to last from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., in which connection it may be added that children appear to be engaged upon night work to a very considerable extent. The young glass workers just noted, at the end of a month of working 17 hours per diem (including short intervals for meals) receive a total of—£100. It is well nigh incredible. For that volume of toil, far more than any convict sentenced to penal servitude has to perform, and undergone in an artificially raised temperature and a vitiated atmosphere, these lads receive one of those dirty little scraps of paper that you throw down when ordering a casual drink. We are forgetting—they are provided with lodging and "chow." In explanation it is stated that the lads are apprentices, upon which the commissioners remark that it was difficult to believe that this was the case, for they greatly outnumbered the adult workers. Their further commentary is tragic, as they assert that the general appearance of the boys suggested that few "would reach man's state. Apprenticeship arrangements in the engineering shops read relatively well. An honourable exception to the lack of amenities in the factories occurs in the case of Mr. Li Ping (one of the members of the commission). Concerning casual labour the Rev. Mr. Wells gives a moving picture of its effect upon little children, whatever may be said respecting adults.

In proposing remedies the commission was confronted with a host of difficulties. Some of the children work at the same factories as their mothers, who, it is said, feel that they would not be secure if left alone. Just how far is this put forward as a justification for employing children? Some of the employers declare that they have no particular wish for child labour; on the other hand, there are works which discharge the children when they reach a certain age on account of their fingers being no longer nimble. A contention put forward is that the children must work to live. Conversely, their employment depresses adult pay; but for this it is feasible that their parents would be able to support them. The committee's recommendations include registration of the children, age restriction, hours limitation, prohibition of night work, non-employment in dangerous trades, and a limited weight for casual workers' loads. This is at least a good start upon a very difficult problem.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Sound Finances.

If residents of this Colony needed any evidence of its growth they were surely provided with it yesterday, when His Excellency the Governor delivered his annual budget speech. Apart from the fact that there has been a fair amount of new taxation imposed during the past year it is indeed significant that the revenue next year is estimated to be over two-and-a-half millions more than it was last year—an estimate which the Government itself has admitted to be conservative. And one has to bear in mind in connection with this, that the revenue from opium is decreasing at an enormous rate. In 1920 the Government estimated that the profit on working the opium monopoly would be \$6,000,000 whereas for next year it estimates that it will bring in only \$3,500,000. That is indeed a big drop and it says something for the increased capacity of the Colony to bear legitimate taxation when we reflect that the revenue as a whole has grown to the extent stated above. Two years ago, in his budget speech, the Governor told the Colony that it would have to bear the burden of the falling receipts from opium, but it has done far more than that. If the public had been told three or four years ago that it would have to provide revenue to the extent of seventeen-and-a-quarter millions and at the same time would have had to make up a loss on the opium receipts of two-and-a-half millions, we should have heard a great deal of protest. Today it cannot be said that this Colony is in any degree over-taxed; in fact we can still claim that we are one of the lightest taxed communities in the world, and yet the Government is enjoying a period of financial prosperity. This is in direct contrast to the contemporary experience of many another Colony, of many a country and of nearly every city and borough in the Old Country. Living as we are in times of slumped commerce and of general trade stagnation the position cannot be anything but gratifying to those who will give themselves the time to study the matter. Things might be better here it is true, but by contributing our share to-day to the development of the Colony we are helping to lay the secure foundations on which our greater prosperity will rest. And it is really surprising with what ease we are now contributing that share.

Educational Provision.

From the educationists' point of view the financial provision which has been made for next year must be particularly pleasing, and whatever other accusation might be made against the Government there can scarcely be substantiated a charge of niggardliness in the cause of education. We still lack, and owing to special circumstances pertaining here shall probably lack for many years, compulsory elementary education, but by revising and extending its system of capitation grants and subsidies to vernacular schools the Government is unquestionably extending the educational facilities for the poorer classes of Chinese. The number of scholars in vernacular schools shows an increase year by year and it is possibly a wiser policy gradually to increase the assistance to the vernacular schools already established than it would be to launch upon a big venture in the direction of free education, thereby overburdening the Colony's educational equipment. There are many who question the Government's parsimony towards British schools and if the Government has a fault at all it is in this direction. Saiyungpun School and Queen's College are coming in for special treatment during the year ahead, a matter which will give general satisfaction. Queen's College is very badly housed and located—it needs far more fresh air. And our University is again being generously assisted, being due to receive next year the handsome sum of \$185,000—this being all in addition to the magnificent sum voted to it last year out of the Colony's general exchequer. Our University is certainly costing us a lot of money but it is still a financially starved institution, having regard to what a University in Hongkong should aim to be. Public support is perhaps more needed than Government grants though the Colony's administrators have given a valuable lead. Viewing the Colony's provision for education in 1922, there can be gained the genuine satisfaction that we are progressing towards the desired goal.

DAY BY DAY.

CULTURE IS LIKE WEALTH—IT MAKES US MORE OURSELVES. IT ENABLES US TO EXPRESS OURSELVES.—Hamilton.

Yesterday's health return shows there were two cases of paratyphoid fever and one case of enteric fever.

Two buildings on Mei Chau Mui Street, Saikwan, were burned to ashes, as the result of a fire on Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock.

An armed robbery is reported from Capatimua as having occurred on the 26th instant. It is stated that clothing and jewellery of the value of \$171 were stolen from a man's house.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce recently petitioned Gen. Chan King-ming and Gov. Ma Chun-wu to cancel the embargo on rice at Wuchow in order to relieve the shortage of rice in Kwangtung province. The petition states that rice is plentiful in Kwangsi.

An alarm of fire was phoned through to the Central Police Station at 2.10 this afternoon. The firemen turned out promptly but after a search, in which the C. S. P. joined in, they were unable to discover any real cause for the panic that ensued. A chimney in a house at Staunton Street was supposed to have caught fire, but on arrival it was found that the outbreak which was a very small one had already been put out by the inmates.

The recently established Union of Chambers of Commerce in Kwangtung will hold an important meeting next Tuesday to elect officials for the Union. The promoters of the Union and many prominent merchants have been invited to attend the meeting. It is reported a membership campaign is soon to be started by the Union with a view to enlist merchants and the different Chambers of Commerce throughout the province as members.

A successful whist drive was held at the Catholic Men's Club last evening. In spite of other attractions there were 111 players present. The following were the prize winners: Men: 1. Mr. Hewitt (178); 2. Mr. Bowden (175); 3. Mr. Rowe (176); 4. Mr. Wild (175). Ladies: 1. Mrs. Spanton (170); 2. Mrs. King (167); 3. Mrs. Sandford (162); 4. Mrs. Rudd (161). Booby Prize: Mrs. Harrison. Mr. Pinches acted as M. C. The opportunity was taken to bid good-bye to Mr. R.W. Brown of the Naval Yard, to whose efforts the success of the Whist Drive section of the Catholic Men's Club is almost entirely due. Mr. Brown leaves for England early next month and carries with him the best wishes of all the members of the Club.

TO-MORROW'S PICTURE PAGE.

In our pictorial section to-morrow we hope to reproduce photographs as follows:—Several pictures taken at the Tai Koo Bowling Green last Saturday; portraits of Miss Gladys Ramsay and Mr. J. R. Johnston, winners of the Harbour Races; view of a pier of the Yellow River Bridge and Hongkong's first concrete vessel, both the work of Establishment Brossard Mopin and a scene at the Peak Signal Station during the recent Chung Yang Festival.

SEQUEL TO NON-APPEARANCE.

Judge's Comment.

Referring to a case which came before the Summary Court last Wednesday and which was struck out because neither of the parties nor their solicitors appeared, Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning said neither party had given him any indication that the case was settled. The practice when a case was settled was usually to inform the clerk before ten o'clock. That saved people coming into Court.

A solicitor in the case: I intended to call upon your Lordship this morning to explain how it occurred. I will call upon you after the Court, if I may.

His Lordship: It is always possible to telephone my clerk.

THE WAR MEMORIAL.

Problem Solved at Last.

The great problem as to what shall be done with the money collected for the War Memorial after the cenotaph has been paid for has been solved at last. At a meeting of subscribers held in the Board Room, at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's, yesterday afternoon, it was decided that a nursing home shall be built with the money. There were about twenty persons present, representing \$132,795 out of the total sum of \$135,700 subscribed (which does not include money paid over from the Peace Celebrations). The meeting was presided over by Mr. F. Bernard, and others who attended were the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Hon. Mr. Lan Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen (Hon. Treasurer), Col. L. G. Bird, Dr. G. M. Harston, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Messrs. C. Montague Ede, R. M. Dyer, E. J. Chapman, G. T. Edkins, M. J. D. Stephens, Percy Smith, A. Dennison, E. P. C. Hornill, F. Hull and M. J. Breen (Hon. Sec.).

"This meeting," said the Chairman, "has been called to put before you a scheme for a war memorial, which I hope will meet with your full support. Perhaps an apology is due to you for the long delay in submitting a scheme to you, but as you will remember, in addition to the cenotaph, the idea was to build a club for the use of the Army, Navy and civilians. We have just been informed that the Authorities have a scheme in hand which has made it necessary for us to abandon this idea of a club. The Committee now have in view, as an alternative, the erection of a first class nursing home, where medical and nursing attention would be provided in the most up-to-date and practical manner. It is felt that this would be a great boon to the Colony, and such an institution cannot be expected from private enterprise nor as a Government proposition alone. His Excellency the Governor has been consulted, and has promised his support."

The Chairman then read a letter from H.E. the Governor to Sir Paul Chater, which was to the effect that His Excellency considered the idea a good one and, provided that the Committee were able to get a satisfactory scheme he would be willing to recommend to the Council that the Government subsidize for dollar for the money subscribed by the public, subject to a maximum of \$200,000, and also to provide a site if a suitable one could be found. This promise was made on the Committee's reliance that the Government would not be called upon to make any further contribution in the future and that the institution would be managed in the interests of the community and not with a view to making a profit.

"Up to the present time," continued the Chairman, "subscriptions paid and promised to the War Memorial amount to about \$170,000, or a surplus after paying for the Cenotaph of about \$145,000. It is hoped that many who did not care to subscribe to the Club will be found desirous of subscribing to what would unquestionably be of great benefit to the community. As the proposition now before you differs from the original scheme, it is necessary to ask the subscribers permission to devote their subscriptions to this purpose. Of course, if this be approved, and some subscribers do not wish their subscription utilized for a nursing home, they may either ask for it to be earmarked for the cenotaph or returned to them. I therefore now beg to propose that the subscriptions to the War Memorial over and above the amount required for the Cenotaph be devoted to the erection of a Nursing Home. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to hear any remarks or answer any questions to the best of my ability."

In seconding the proposal, Mr. C. Montague Ede said he went last week, with Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen and Mr. Dennison, to try and find a suitable site. Having gone up the new road to the Peak, and having reached the apex and not found a suitable site, and a little way above the hair-pin bend, which crosses Bowen Road, they found a site which they thought would be admirable. It was protected from the setting sun and the Gap behind the site would allow of Southern breezes in summer cooling any premises erected on the ground. It was about 450 feet above sea level, and was below

the fog-line. It was easily reached by motor-car, being about a twenty minute run from the Post Office.

Dr. Harston, said the nursing home would be very much appreciated. To his mind, there was a growing need of a nursing home in the Colony to-day. There had been occasions when they had been badly in need of accommodation, when the existing institutions were filled. The speaker hoped that the Committee would be able to build an adequate nursing home. He knew their intention was to build a good nursing home and up-to-date, and when he said adequate he meant sufficient to meet the growing needs of the Colony. It was growing very fast and he trusted that the members of the Committee would allow room for adequate expansion. With these remarks he would conclude. The Hongkong medical profession would give to the Committee their best thanks.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird asked if it were intended that patients in the home should pay.

The Chairman: It is. Mr. Bird was afraid if that were the case that it would not benefit a large number of the population. There were some, he said, who might not be in a position to pay. Would it not be possible to make a role whereby those who had served at the front might be admitted for nothing?

The Chairman said that matter would receive sympathetic consideration. They would do what they could, but it was difficult to make promises. They wanted to make the home self-supporting.

Dr. Harston said his experience rather bore out that point. It was possible, with adequate support, to give first-class medical attention and still admit free cases. They could make a charge for first-class cases, which would entirely relieve the Committee of the responsibility of free cases.

The Chairman said it was difficult at the present juncture to say what the fees would be, but if there were any deficit, he thought commercial firms in the Colony would help to get the institution on a proper basis. He might mention that the nursing home would be available for Chinese, and was not intended solely for the use of Europeans. The proposition was then put to the meeting and carried *unanimously*, and this brought the proceedings to a close.

HONGKONG DIVORCE CASE.

Shanghai's First Decree.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, October 28. Mrs. Lena Singer was given the first divorce in the British Court against William James Singer on the grounds of cruelty and adultery.

Judge Skinner Turner held that Singer was guilty of adultery with a Japanese woman in Hongkong, and also a Japanese ayah and Chinese wash amah here. The wife gets the custody of the three children.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

May the fact that the Prime Minister is gradually wiping off the arrears on his list of intended "freedoms" be taken as an augury that the strain on his energies is becoming easier? asks a Home Journal. Some months ago, when a number of towns wished to do honour to the Premier the ceremonies had to be postponed through difficult matters of State and his own indisposition. Leads is to confer its freedom on the Prime Minister, but Bath, which has been hoping to do so for nearly two years, has still some time to wait.

Early in September 1914 a London man received official information from the War Office that his brother, a private in the Bedfordshire, had been killed in the retreat from Mons. The family went into mourning, and the fallen soldier's insurance money—£100—was claimed, received and divided as his will directed. A month or so later his brother woke from a vivid dream one night, saying: "Tim's not dead. He has just been in the room to say he is a prisoner of war, that we are not to worry, as he is all right." Despite family scepticism, the brother stuck to his vision, and, sure enough, a postcard arrived from Germany with the precise wording of the message in the dream. Incidentally, the insurance company was so impressed that it did not reclaim the £100, which the dead (?) man lived to receive on his return from Germany after the Armistice.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

When ye come to think of it Britishers as a whole in the Far East. Recently he was in America, whence he went to the Antipodes and apart from calling at Manila his first communication with Far Eastern Britishers was here in Hongkong, that is no counting his fellow passengers and the officers on the St. Albans. And no sooner does that boat tie up in our harbour than he issues a statement through the big news service agencies to the world press at large on this important question and bolsters it up with what must be a gross misstatement of fact. Whether he's right or wrong or merely a good guesser is beside the point. As a matter of fact the majority of British newspapers in the Far East favour the agreement being continued with strong modifications. Granted, mind ye, so much of that might be mere tosh and written mostly by editors w/ their tongue in their cheek, but even then Lord Northcliffe couldn't have been aware of it, unless, of course, he's a thought reader as well as something else. He may well feel, as I say, that this same agreement is a bit out of date. So long as he gave that as his purely personal opinion, I'm the last man in the world to quarrel w/ him. But when he uses his undoubtedly powerful influence and puts his name under a wild assertion of the kind, then as Joe would say, the principle of honesty in public dealing has been grossly violated.

We must then, as the judge said in the worms' case the other day, search for a motive. To my mind there's one sticking out like a wart on a Jew's nose. We all know that this newspaper magnate is a friendly w/ Lloyd George and if this latest bit o' propaganda was spread broadcast for the purpose of making our Premier's task at Washington all the harder then I'm as big a twister as his lordship himself. Ay, coarse work, right enough, but it's an object lesson and an insight into the crude methods by which our big men attempt to shape our thoughts.

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CINEMA NOTES.

Fine Picture at the Coronet.

The remarkable comedy and dramatic talents of charming Madge Kennedy find ample scope in "The Kingdom of Youth," an intensely thrilling Goldwyn picture shown at the Coronet Theatre last evening.

The picture tells the story of a truly loving couple, torn with suspicion by jealousy; of a scheming middle-aged woman who seeks to win the love of a man half her age, and who is later exposed in all her falsity by the beautiful young woman she had tried to separate from her husband.

The widow arranges that Ruth Betts (Madge Kennedy) shall be seen constantly with Count Henri Duval, whom she uses to prove to Ruth's husband that his wife is unfaithful. Ruth suspects that the widow's "motherly" affections for her husband are too pronounced and accuses her of trying to win his love. The interloper defies her and Ruth plans to have her husband see the widow unadorned with all her false frills. Ruth starts a fire with some greasy waste in a drip pan and places it at the door of the widow's boudoir. The widow rushes into the street in night attire and Ruth triumphs as her husband sees her rival as she really is. In the same programme are the latest Topical Budget, devoted mainly to Charlie Chaplin and a feast of beauty in "The Vanity Fair Girls" whose comedy "On Promise Me," will rank as one of the best seen here for a long time.

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FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Matches.

The fixture list for to-morrow is as follows:

DIVISION I.

Kick off at 4.30 p.m.
Hongkong Club v. Kowloon Club ground.

Hongkong Police v. H.M.S. Tamar—Navy 'B' ground.

S.C.A. v. H.M.S. Cairo—S.C.A. ground.

H.M.S. Ambrose v. H.M.S. Curlew—Navy 'A' ground.

2nd. Wiltshires v. R.G.A.—Sookunpoo ground.

DIVISION II.

Kick off at 3 p.m.
Hongkong Club v. University Club ground.

S.C.A. 'B' v. United—S.C.A. ground.

Wiltshires v. St. Joseph's—Navy 'B' ground.

R.G.A. v. H.M.S. Curlew—Sookunpoo ground.

Kowloon v. Puntabie—Kowloon ground, Happy Valley.

H.M.S. Carlisle still being absent from port, the Carlisle-S.C.A. 'A' match will not be played.

The First Division commences to-morrow and, as the form displayed in friendlies, excellent games are expected. The Club open the season against Kowloon and while there is little doubt as to the result, a good game should be seen. Kowloon will be assisted by Townsend and Coupland of the R.E.'s again this year and Eve of the Navy will replace Crocker in goal. The Club on last week's play, should find the going easy and take the points.

The "Cairo," new to the league, will meet the S.C.A. on the South China ground and on their play against the Club last week should win. It is yet doubtful whether Stevenson, who was injured last week against the Club, will be able to lead the attack against the Chinese. The S.C.A. have found a couple of useful men since last season and they should win the sailors' close. These teams have met before in a friendly, the result being a draw, after the sailors had had a substantial lead at half-time. It is hoped that the Chinese spectators will not encroach on to the playing field during the game.

The match between the two Navy teams should attract a large following of Navy men to the Navy 'A' ground. Both teams can field good men and if Dowson, who is shortly leaving the station, can be induced to assist Savage in this match, the Ambrose chances are fancied. The Curlew are also new to the league and are a hefty side. Dyer, late of the Hawkins, has been assisting them in friendlies and should be given a trial in the league. With Cook, Wetherby and Wilson, and Hardy in goal, who by the way is one of the best keepers in the squadron, they should just get home.

The game between Police and Tamar should be very even and end in a draw.

The Naval team will be without Millington and Adams in the attack but they have a well-balanced side while their defence is very sound and with Mitch in goal the Police will find it no easy matter to get the leather into the net. The Police have done well in a couple of trial games and have discovered a couple of useful new men. With J. Clarke, Forbes, Robertson, Mair, McWalters and Hillier of last year's team they should do well in the league this season.

The two Military teams are due at Sookunpoo where the battle of last week will be refought with probably the final result reversed. The Artillery got the verdict last week by the odd goal in five, but the teams were very evenly matched and if luck favoured either side it was the winner. The Wiltshires will be out to avenge the defeat of last week but they will find the gunners a hardy lot and not found wanting when called upon.

In the Junior division Wiltshires, University and R.G.A. should win while the match S.C.A. 'B' and United should end in a draw.

Teams.

In the Club v. Kowloon Match the following teams will line up:—Club.—G. Rodger, W. Gerrard, M. L. Raiton, A. Forsyth, J. Rodger (Capt.), J. W. R. MacPhail; D. H. Banner, W. F. Teller, S. D. Beggs, W. H. Kuhl, E. G. England.

Kowloon.—Eve, Morrison, McKelvie; Coupland, Weyman, McKelvie; Millard, Pasco, Townsend, A. Duncan and Coombe.

In the University v. Club 2nd. Eleven, the teams will be as follows:—Club.—Groot, Israel, Maher, Angus, Ireland, Duncan, Harst,

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CHINESE NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent reports that the Provincial Assembly has decided that any further consideration of the Macao incident should be temporarily postponed.

It is reported that General Chan King-ming will arrive at Canton to-morrow.

A Peking telegram states that the Chinese Minister in Washington has reported that as the time for the Pacific Conference is approaching, most of the American papers have assumed a hostile attitude against Japan.

In reply to a question from the Government in regard to the expedition from the south, most of the Tachuns are in favour of taking military measures, and Wu Pui-fu has declared in his reply that the forces under his command will be quite sufficient for this purpose, and those from other provinces are not necessary.

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University.—Y. K. Wong; S. A. M. Sopher, B. C. Lee; D. Laing, J. Gudar, H. S. Teh; K. S. Cheah, D. K. Samy, N. M. Lim, S. C. Ting, T. L. Cheak. Reserve: P. H. Lim.

The following will represent Kowloon II against the Puntabie:—Musket; Spary, Adams; Roberts, Howar and White; Donovan, Palmer, Mason, G. Duncan and Freddy. Reserves, Rasmussen and Estorffe.

The following will represent the United against South China:—J. Beach; Hopper, B. A. Hyder; D. Urquhart (Capt.), J. Leonard, Ozorio; Kent, W. Hyder, May, A. E. Simmons, J. Payne; Reserves.—G. A. Hyder and C. H. Blake.

POLO NOTES.

Coming Tournaments.

Five teams have entered for the first of a series of Tournaments to be held on the Causeway Bay Polo Ground. This tournament commenced on Monday last, two chukkas of two matches being played. It is an American tournament, i.e. all teams meet, a win counting two points and a draw one. The teams which have been selected by the Committee are as near level as possible, and are constituted as follows.

"A" Team.—Major Timmis, Lieut. Samot, J. Bartholomew, S. E. Grimstone.

"B" Team.—Lt. Sargeant, W. D. Fiddes Wilson, Capt. Sturgess, J. G. Lyon-Brown.

"C" Team.—Capt. Neville, P. A. Cox, Capt. Fisher, A. G. Buchanan.

"D" Team.—J. E. H. Bibby, R. P. Beaven, Lt. Comdr. Wynne, A. H. Potts.

"E" Team.—J. Bell-Irving, Lt. Dodington, J. Hanbury Williams, A. R. Esler.

Only two chukkas each of two matches are played on one day, so as to enable one pony man to compete. Players may only ride their own pony or ponies regularly played by them. Some interesting Polo should be seen throughout this tournament, which will last about a month, playing three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

After this tournament it is intended to hold various matches, and tournaments. The "Titania" is expected down during the first half of November, and on her arrival the Navy should be able to put quite a strong side. A three sided tournament will probably be held between the Army, Navy and Civilian.

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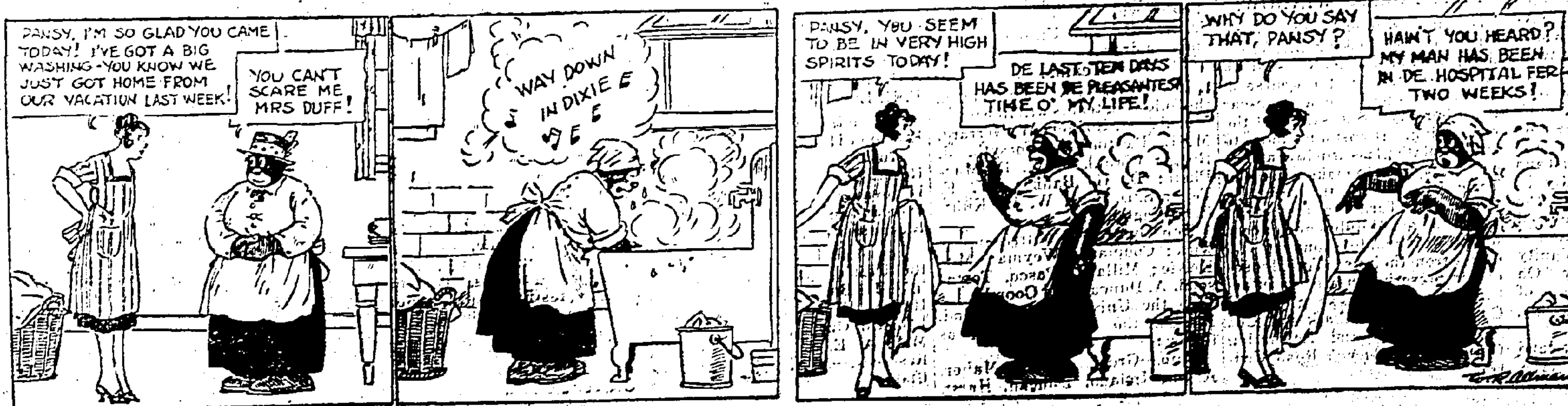


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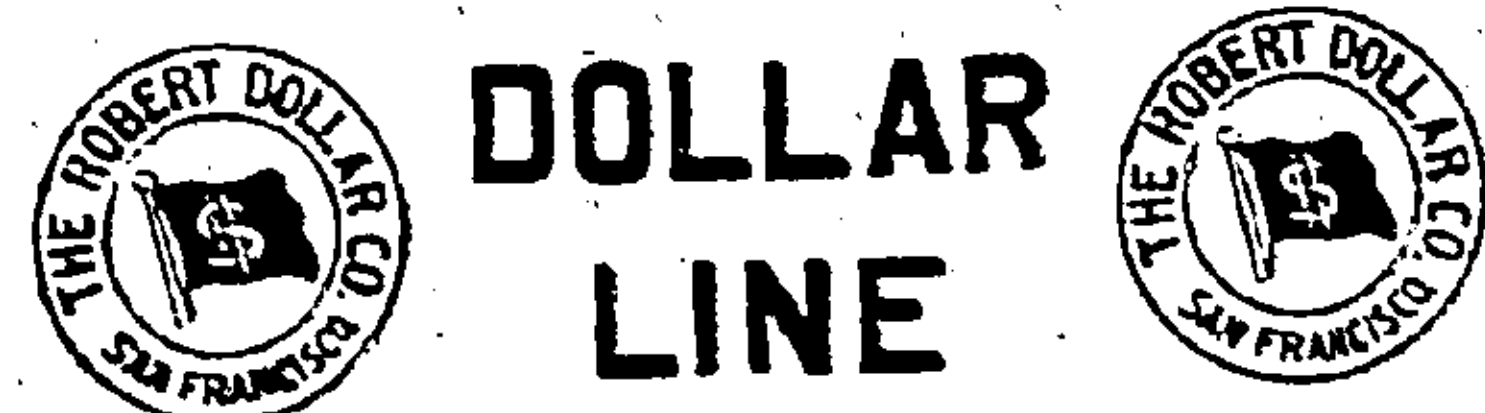
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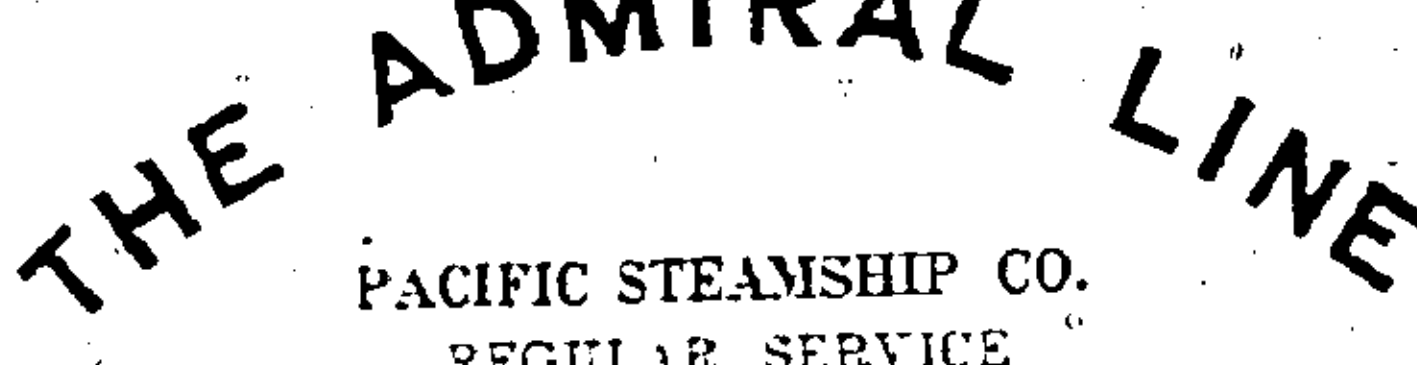
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SHANGHAI COAL MARKET.

Messrs. Wheelock & Co., Shanghai, in their circular of 6th October, state: Japan Coal—Since last writing there has again been no new business done and the market has been very quiet but the time is approaching when negotiation for next year's contracts are about to be undertaken and sellers are instituting tentative enquiries as to consumers' probable future requirements. —Fushun Coal:—No change. —Fuchung Anthracite Coal:—No change. —Kaiping Coal:—Floods in adjacent country still interfere with deliveries, but the Shanghai market remains fairly firm with a gradually increasing demand. The situation in the whole East is certainly firmer owing to restricted output in several of the larger producing centres.

MARKING OF GOODS IMPORTED INTO CANADA.

The Canadian Commission of Customs and Excise gives notice that by Order-in-Council of the 13th August, 1921 (P.G. 2879), the date of the coming into force of Section 12-A of the Customs Tariff, added thereto by Chap. 27 of the Statutes of Canada, 1921, has been postponed from the 1st day of October, 1921, to the 31st day of December, 1921. Sub-section 2 of Section 12-A of the Customs Tariff as printed in Memorandum No. 9, and the last line on page 1 of that Memorandum are amended accordingly. Collectors of Customs and Excise may accept entries of imported goods without reference to Section 12-A of the Customs Tariff and the Regulations thereunder until December 31st, 1921, after which date the provisions of the law as established thereby will be in force.

MORE SCOTTISH WORKS TO CLOSE.

The Liverpool Journal of Commerce states: Although from several sources reports that the industrial position in Glasgow and the West of Scotland is gradually improving are in circulation, it is very difficult to obtain confirmation. In fact, it is generally to be found that the outlook is worse than ever. Very little material is being turned out at the works, most of which have so few orders on their books that they could soon clear them off if they cared to put more plant into operation. The majority of the works are keeping open as long as possible, and employment is being shared, only a few shifts being run per week, and work is carried on intermittently. Here and there the belief is expressed that a change for the better will set in before long, but generally it is realised that prices of locally produced material will require to be reduced. The latest competitor to enter the field is Sweden, and it is reported that pig-iron from that country has been purchased by Scotch steelmakers at 23 per ton. German and French competition is still as keen as ever.

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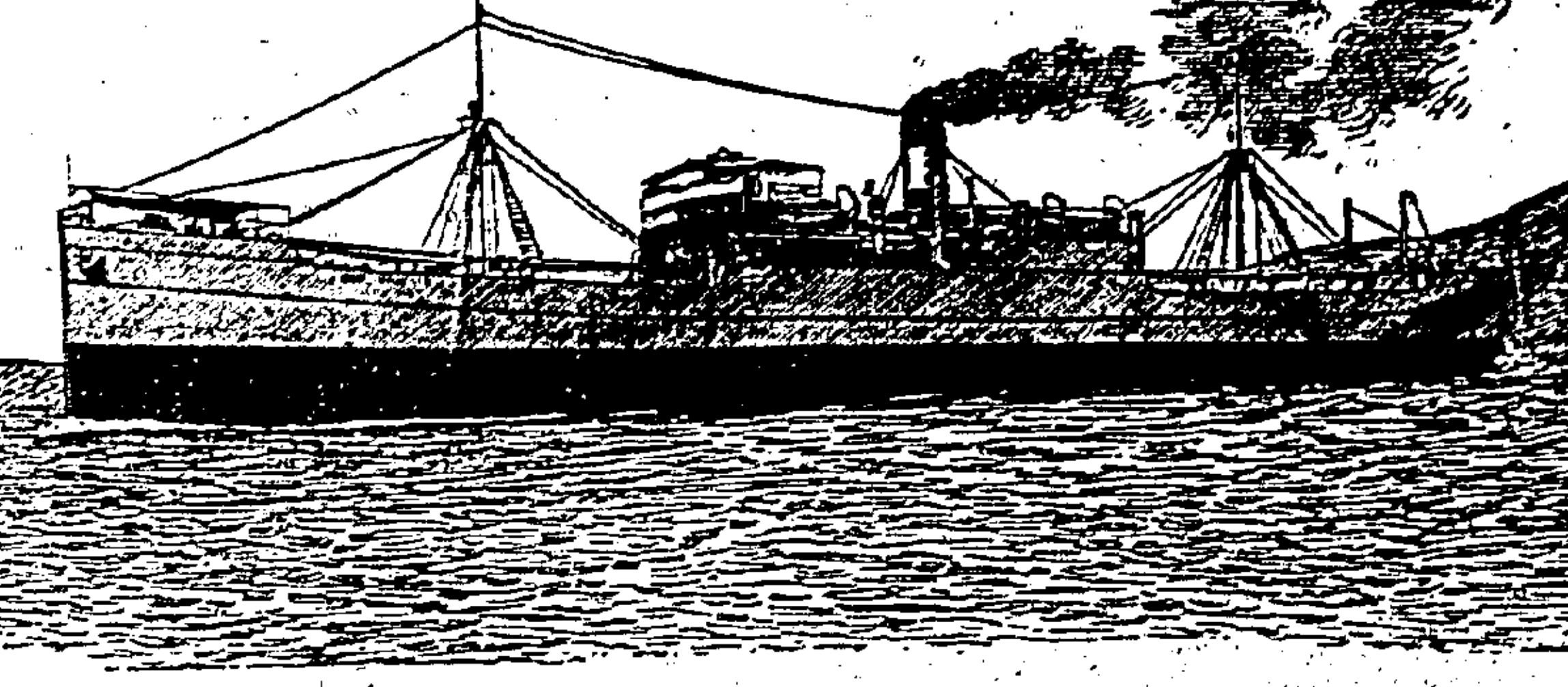
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